

House Resolution 710

By: Representatives Hanner of the 148th, Smith of the 113th, Channell of the 116th, Shaw of the 176th, Parrish of the 156th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the Honorable Richard Royal; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Honorable Richard Royal has long been recognized by the citizens of this
3 state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to
4 the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Mr. Royal was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1983, where
6 he served as a shining example of a public servant until 2008; and
- 7 WHEREAS, representing the 171st district, Mr. Royal served as Chairman of the House
8 Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight and as a member of the House
9 Committees on Natural Resources and Environment and Ways and Means; and
- 10 WHEREAS, during his tenure with the House of Representatives, Mr. Royal was appointed
11 to the Tobacco Advisory Committee by the Speaker of the House and to the Fiscal Affairs
12 Committee by the Governor; and
- 13 WHEREAS, prior to his service in the House of Representatives, Mr. Royal diligently and
14 conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the
15 betterment of his community for ten years on the Camilla City Council; and
- 16 WHEREAS, a native of Dougherty County, Georgia, Mr. Royal has received numerous
17 awards and honors for his dedication and leadership from the Association of County
18 Commissioners of Georgia and the Georgia Municipal Association; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Mr. Royal is a graduate of Mitchell County High School and the Georgia
20 Institute of Technology, and in 2003, he became the first recipient of the Presidential Citation
21 from Georgia Tech; and

22 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Royal is an active member of Pebble City
23 Baptist Church, where he is a deacon and has served as a Sunday school teacher for over 25
24 years; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Royal is united in love and marriage to his wife, Marilyn, and he has been
26 blessed with five remarkable children and nine delightful grandchildren; and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Royal has made a lasting impact on the State of Georgia, and it is
28 abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body, who regard him with respect and
29 admiration, appropriately recognize their distinguished former colleague and friend.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body commend the Honorable Richard Royal for his over three decades
32 of efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and
33 extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Honorable Richard
36 Royal.